

Troopers Make Arrest in String of Robberies



Kori Thomas

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Newark- Delaware State Police Robbery Unit detectives have arrested a New Castle man and charged him in connection with a series of robberies which had been occurring over the past month.

On Monday, May 8, 2017, at approximately 8:30 p.m., troopers arrested Kori Thomas, 29, of New Castle, after he committed the armed robbery of the 7-11 located at 314 N. Union Street, Wilmington. After the robbery, Thomas fled the area in a white Hyundai Sonata which was spotted by troopers on I-495 near US13, New Castle. Troopers stopped the vehicle and were able to take Thomas into custody without incident. Evidence linking him to the robbery of the 7-11 was located in the vehicle.

Through further investigation, which included the review of video surveillance footage, Robbery Unit detectives were able to link Kori Thomas to a string of armed robberies which had been occurring in New Castle County since the middle of April. In each robbery, Thomas would enter the targeted business, confront a sales clerk, and display a handgun. He would then demand and receive money from the cash registers before exiting the store and fleeing the area. There were no injuries.

Detectives were able to link Thomas to the following robberies:

1. 7-11, 284 Christiana Road, New Castle, Friday, April 14, 2017.
2. 7-11, 4865 Governor Printz Boulevard, Wilmington, Sunday, April 16, 2017.
3. Exxon, 4600 Stanton-Ogletown Road, Newark, Monday, April 17, 2017.
4. BP, 1713 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, Saturday, April 22, 2017.
5. Manor Park Liquors, 1405 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle, Tuesday, April 25, 2017.
6. BP, 2038 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, Sunday, April 30, 2017.
7. 7-11, 284 Christiana Road, New Castle, Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Thomas was charged by detectives with six counts of Robbery

1st Degree, Attempted Robbery 1st Degree, six counts of Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, three counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, three counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited. He was arraigned at JP Court 11 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in default of \$366,000.00 cash bail.

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